

Portage Public Schools Board of Education

Action Brief: An informal summary of Board action taken at its recent meeting.
(Official Board meeting minutes are posted after Board approval.)

December 14, 2009 Regular Business Meeting

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| Call to Order | The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dale Posthumus at 6:30 p.m. |
| Roll Call | Board Members Present: Melanie Kurdys, Deb Polderman, Dale Posthumus, Rusty Rathburn, Bo Snyder, Randy Van Antwerp, and John Whyte Board Members Absent: None Administration Members Present: Michael Batterson, Denise Bresson, Karla Colestock, Tom Noverr, Ric Perry, Tom Vance, Gail Van Daff, Dan Vomastek, Marsha Wells, and Tom Zahrt Administration Members Absent: None |
| Organizational Items | Motion offered by Mrs. Kurdys, supported by Mr. Rathburn, that the Board of Education appoint Robert Snyder to the open position on the Board through June 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Whyte nominated Mr. Posthumus for the position of Board President. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Polderman announced Mr. Posthumus will assume the office of President. Mr. Rathburn nominated Mr. Whyte for the position of Board Vice President. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Polderman announced that Mr. Whyte would assume the office of Vice President. |
| Approval of Consent Agenda | Motion offered by Mr. Rathburn, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda items removing the Minutes of the November 23, 2009 Regular Business Meeting for discussion at the January meeting, as presented. Included on the Consent Agenda was the approval of the Minutes of the December 2, 2009, Special Meeting, and December 9, 2009, Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously. |
| Action Item | Motion offered by Mr. Whyte, supported by Mrs. Kurdys, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Agreement to modify the 2009/10 contract with the Portage Education Association, including a voluntary severance plan, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. |

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| Item of Information | The Board discussed the Human Growth and Development Curriculum Committee recommendation to adopt the JumpStart curriculum for all 8 th grade students to be delivered by Prevention Works under the supervision of District middle school teachers. |
| Closed Session | <p>Motion offered by Mr. Van Antwerp, supported by Mrs. Polderman, that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy [Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act]. Upon a roll call vote, all Trustees present voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>The Board moved into closed session at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Board returned to open session at 8:10 p.m.</p> |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. |